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#### WEEK DAYS

Stations	From Kowloon	From Canton	From Kowloon	From Canton	From Kowloon	From Canton	From Kowloon	From Canton
Kowloon	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.25	7.10
Yanmatui	6.50	9.25	10.40	12.10	1.25	4.45	5.35	7.20
Shatin	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.45	7.31
Taipei	7.16	9.48	11.04	12.34	1.48	5.09	5.58	7.44
Taipei Market	7.21	9.53	11.09	12.39	1.53	5.13	6.02	7.49
Fanning	7.32	10.03	11.18	12.48	2.03	5.24	6.13	7.59
Shungshui	7.38	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	5.28	6.17	8.03
Shumchun	7.42	10.11	11.26	12.56	2.11	5.32	6.21	8.07

Stations	From Kowloon	From Canton	From Kowloon	From Canton	From Kowloon	From Canton	From Kowloon	From Canton
Shumchun	7.51	10.20	11.35	13.05	2.20	5.41	6.30	8.16
Shungshui	7.58	10.27	11.42	13.12	2.27	5.48	6.37	8.23
Fanning	8.02	10.31	11.46	13.16	2.31	5.52	6.41	8.27
Taipei Market	8.08	10.37	11.52	13.22	2.37	5.58	6.47	8.33
Taipei	8.14	10.43	11.58	13.28	2.43	6.04	6.53	8.39
Shatin	8.21	10.50	12.05	13.35	2.50	6.11	7.00	8.46
Yanmatui	8.28	10.57	12.12	13.42	2.57	6.18	7.07	8.53
Kowloon	8.30	11.00	12.14	13.44	3.00	6.21	7.10	8.56

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Stations	From Kowloon	From Canton	From Kowloon	From Canton	From Kowloon	From Canton	From Kowloon	From Canton
Kowloon	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.25	7.10
Yanmatui	6.50	9.25	10.40	12.10	1.25	4.45	5.35	7.20
Shatin	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.45	7.31
Taipei	7.16	9.48	11.04	12.34	1.48	5.09	5.98	7.44
Taipei Market	7.21	9.53	11.09	12.39	1.53	5.13	6.02	7.49
Fanning	7.32	10.03	11.18	12.48	2.03	5.24	6.13	7.59
Shungshui	7.38	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	5.28	6.17	8.03
Shumchun	7.42	10.11	11.26	12.56	2.11	5.32	6.21	8.07

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Shataukok	8.40	12.25	1.15	2.00	5.55	6.45	7.30	8.15

Stations	From Kowloon	From Canton	From Kowloon	From Canton	From Kowloon	From Canton	From Kowloon	From Canton
Shatin	7.45	11.30	12.20	1.45	5.00	5.50	7.15	8.00
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The first ordinary annual meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong Tug and Lighter Company, Ltd., was held yesterday afternoon at the office of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co. Mr. R. G. Shewan presided, and others present were: Messrs. W. J. Carroll, Li Tse Fong and C. B. Brook (acting for Mr. C. P. Marcel) Consulting Committee; Mr. Noel Braga (Secretary); Messrs. D. W. Munton, J. Toppin, A. A. Botelho, Tong Hok Ting, and S. C. Cook (shareholders).

After the Secretary had read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen,—With your permission, as the accounts have been in your hands since the 29th ultimo, we will now take them as read. As you will easily understand, a great part of the period under review was taken up in preparatory work, and it was not until the first fleet of lighters were delivered to us by the builders between July and December and the tug boats in November last year that we began to earn anything at all.

The result for the nine working months shows a deficit of \$17,346.83, but seeing that we are quite a new Company and have to make our way against more or less opposition from those interested in the old system of Chinese junks and cargo boats and which can only be overcome in time as shippers and consignees realise the advantages of an up-to-date and modern service, I do not think we need be at all depressed at these figures. We have, in fact, to create a good-will of our own, and this necessarily takes time, but our earnings are increasing, and whereas our loss in March was \$1,500 it had come down last month to less than \$750. We have, therefore, every reason to expect that in a very short time the result will be on the right side.

We began with craft on a modest scale, as we thought it best to feel our way and learn by experience, but it was soon evident that the demand was more than the tonnage we had could cope with and that to be able to furnish lighters at short notice we must have a large fleet at our disposal. We have accordingly contracted for a motor junk, a small motor boat, another tug boat, and ten more lighters to be delivered between the middle of May and the end of August, which, with what we already have, will give us a fleet of 33 lighters, 3 tug boats, 1 motor junk and 1 motor boat, but I am in hopes that before very long the demand may again overtake the supply.

As regards the accounts, you will notice that we had \$110,982.27 in hand on 31st March, but there will be nothing left of this after we have paid the remaining cost of the new vessels, which will amount to some \$108,000 in addition to about \$2,000 more for accessories.

There is still \$4 per share uncalled Capital to fall back on, but we do not propose to touch this till we see what progress we make and how soon still further tonnage will be required. I now beg to propose that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted and passed, and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions from shareholders.

Mr. CARROLL seconded and the report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

Mr. MUNTON proposed that the following be re-elected as Consulting Committee: Messrs. H. M. H. Nemaize, Li Tse Fong, W. J. Carroll and C. B. Brook (to act for Mr. Marcel).

Mr. Toppin seconded and this was carried unanimously.

Mr. BOTELHO proposed that Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming be re-elected auditors at a fee of \$400 per annum.

Mr. COOK seconded and this was unanimously carried.

### PIECE GOODS SLUMP.

#### FURTHER ANXIETY AMONG CHINESE DEALERS.

Within the past few days, a Chinese correspondent writes, a number of Chinese dealers have received letters from importers urging them to hasten the clearance of shipments, failing which the goods will be put up for public auction.

These letters, it is said, have caused considerable surprise, if not consternation, in Chinese commercial circles, especially in view of the correspondence on the subject that has recently been exchanged between the Piece Goods Guild and the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

In view of the glut of goods on the market and the correspondingly heavy charges for storage and interest, the Chinese Piece Goods Guild, it will be remembered, approached the Chamber of Commerce with certain proposals for meeting the situation, including an extension of the period of delivery from four to six months, that interest charges for goods which arrived in 1924 should be waived and that importers should not press the dealers unduly to take delivery.

The reply of the Chamber was regarded as, at any rate, sympathetic. The Committee stated that they could not recommend importers to waive interest charges on goods which arrived in 1924, but they promised to circulate all merchants requesting them to exercise all possible leniency towards dealers in the matters of clearance, consistent with the terms of contract.

Following upon this, the intimation certain Chinese have received that goods will be put up for auction if shipments are not cleared quickly has caused quite a flutter in the dealers' dovetailed and there is little doubt that the General Chamber of Commerce will be appealed to once again in the matter.



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H.K. & M. Steamboats	\$354 b.
"Star" Ferries	\$134 b.
China Sugars	\$54 s.
Langkate (combined)	\$11.26 1/2 nom.
Kowloon Wharves	\$207 s.
Whampoa Dock	\$120 s.
Shanghai Dock	\$125 b.
Hongkong Lands	\$95 b.
Hongkong Hotels	\$15.10 b.
Hampshire Estates	\$21 nom.
Coments	\$124 b.
Hongkong Ropes	\$34 nom.
China Frothing	\$49 nom.
Dairy Farms	\$254 b.
Waterboats	\$171 nom.
Watsons	\$23 nom.
Hongkong Electric	\$35 b.
China Lights	\$36 s.
Hongkong Trams	\$46 s.
Peak Tramways	\$23 b.
Realities	\$4.65 b.

b—buyers; s—sellers; nom—nominal.

### DUTCH INDUSTRIES FAIR.

Holland's Institute of Industries Fair, held twice yearly with about 800 to 900 participants at each is gradually and steadily developing. The 12th Fair was held from March 10th-19th at Utrecht and was in all respects a decided success, business being very brisk. An animated tone prevailed giving evidence of the revival of trade. The foreign participants did not benefit least from this revival and it is by means of the Industries Fair at Utrecht that they have gained for themselves an important group of customers in Holland and her Colonies. Consequently the Utrecht fairs increasingly attract the attention of manufacturers and exporters abroad. Orders were booked for England (especially for building material), Scandinavia, France, Germany, Belgium and America. List for the first time business relations with Australia were entered into at the fair. The following groups of merchandise were of special importance, viz.: machinery, electricity, metal wares, radio-industrial articles, glassware, earthenware, building material, furniture and articles for interior decoration, foodstuffs and luxuries. Netherlands India (Java) had a section with a special supply of rubber and its applications which attracted a great deal of attention.

There were 891 exhibitors of whom 583 were Dutch and 308 foreign firms. The foreign participants were divided as follows: Germany 152, England 47, America 29, France 29, Belgium 20, Switzerland 10, Austria 11, Czechoslovakia 6. There were 13 exhibitors in all from Italy, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Japan and Finland. Japan exhibited for the first time, but Hongkong and China again refrained from participating.

The next fair will be held from 8th to 17th September of this year.

The twelfth annual convention of the National Foreign Trade Council of the United States which will be held in Seattle, Washington, June 24th to 26th, inclusive, promises to be one of the most important ever held by American foreign traders, particularly with reference to the development of foreign trade on the Pacific. Special emphasis will be placed upon opportunities for Oriental trade as well as that with the Antipodes. At least 1,000 delegates are expected, including in addition to the American, delegations from Japan, China, India, Straits Settlements, Dutch West Indies and the Philippine Islands.

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**LOCAL SPORT.**  
**E.A. SPORTS.**  
**RESULT OF HEATS DECIDED YESTERDAY.**

In connection with the Royal Artillery Athletic Meeting, extending over two days, the first part of the sports programme was decided yesterday afternoon, when there was a large attendance at the United Services Recreation Ground, Kowloon, to witness the different events.

In several events only heats were decided yesterday, and the finals of these events will be contested this afternoon when the sports meeting is continued.

The officers and officials are as under:—  
President: Lieut.-Colonel W. O. S. Sanders, D.S.O., R.A. Vice-President: Major W. P. A. Hattersley Smith, D.S.O., R.A. Major P. Rashleigh, D.S.O., R.A. Major A. L. Cruickshank, D.S.O., R.A. and Major E. S. Halford, R.A. Judges: Capt. G. Barrett, Lieut. H. C. Gould, Lieut. E. S. Jones, Lieut. H. S. Cotter, Lieut. H. L. C. Hall, Subadar Major Bhan Singh, H.K.S. R.A. and Subadar Nawab Khan, D.C.M., H.K.S.R. Clerk of the Course: Lt. J. H. Smith, R.A. Stagers: Capt. L. W. Bennett, R.A. Capt. N. C. Parkes, R.A. Lt. J. A. Chester, R.A. and Subadar Piran Ditta, D.C.M., H.K.S. R.A. Stewards: Mr. Gr. Bailey, Mr. Gr. Cripps, B.S.M., Hanson, B.Q.M.S. Hartridge, R.S.M., Cook, B.S.M. Page and B.S.M. Brice, D.C.M. Recorders: Lieut. A. W. Allcock, R.A., Lieut. G. C. Fawns, R.A. Sergt. (A.C.) Stephens, R.A. and Subadar Mangal Singh, H.K.S. R.A. Time Keepers: Captain W. A. Faussett and B.S.M. (IG) Godwin.

**THE RESULTS.**

The results in the British events yesterday afternoon were as under:—  
100 yards Flat Race.—Heat 1: 1, Gunner Rogers; 2, Gunner Atkinson. Heat 2: 1, Gunner Harris; 2, Gunner Dee. Heat 3: 1, Lieut. Henslowe; 2, Lieut. Sugden.

Putting the Shot.—1, Gunner Spacey; 2, Gunner Harris; 3, Lieut. Bombardier Osgood. Distance: 31 feet 9 inches.

High Jump.—1, Gunner Harris; 2, Lieut. Henslowe; 3, Gunner Spacey. Height: 5 feet 11 inches.

220 yards Flat Race.—Heat 1: 1, Gunner Bowden; 2, Gunner Dunn. Heat 2: 1, Gunner Atkinson; 2, Gunner Billett. Heat 3: 1, Gunner Harris; 2, Gunner Dee. Heat 4: 1, Lieut. Henslowe; 2, Gunner Pullen.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1, Gunner Harris; 2, Gunner Morris; 3, Lieut. Bombardier Ulford. Distance: 160 yards 8 inches.

Sack Race.—1, Gunner Phasey; 2, Gunner Hardy; Gunner Brimblecombe.

Long Jump.—Gunner Harris; 2, Gunner Lucock; 3, Gunner Spacey. Distance: 19 feet.

Quarter-Mile Flat Race.—1, Gunner Bowden; 2, Gunner Billett; 3, Gunner Newsum. Time—59.1.5.

In addition to the British competitors, there is also a section of the sports set aside for the Indian troops, who however, conduct their own events separately.

Tug-of-war.—The 25th Battery scratched to the 13th Battery, who will therefore pull against the 38th battery in the final this afternoon.

One mile R.A.—1, Gunner Newman; 2, Gunner Newsum; 3, Gunner Culver. Time: 5 minutes 12 seconds.

Wheelbarrow Race.—1, B.Q.M.S. Moore and Gunner Dee; 2, Gunner Bonnis and Gunner Harris.

The points scored by the three batteries participating yesterday afternoon were as under:—  
25th Heavy Battery.....46 points.  
13th Heavy Battery.....22 points.  
38th Heavy Battery.....18 points.

At the conclusion of the sports this afternoon, the total points gained by each battery on both days will be added together and the battery gaining the most points will be awarded a cup. There will also be a cup, presented by the H.A. Officers to the competitor who is adjudged by the Committee to have done best at the sports.

This afternoon's programme is more extensive than that of yesterday and comprises a variety of events.

**LAWN TENNIS.**  
**H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.**

S. E. Green, the veteran tennis player, was too good for M. W. Lo in the third round of the Open Championship Singles yesterday evening. The game was played on the stand court and a large number of spectators were present. Lo won the first set by 6-3, and played a good game in the second set, but was beaten by 7-5. In the third set Green with volleys to left and right forced his rival to rush about him an easy victory. The veteran's skill was also in evidence in the fourth set which he won by 6-2.

S. E. Green will now play Capt. C. O'Callaghan in the 4th round.

In the 4th round of the Handicap Doubles, W. B. Cornaby and N. L. H. Railton (scr.) beat C. W. E. Bishop and D. D. Dryden (+3/6), 6-2, 6-1.

**TO-DAY'S GAMES.**

To-day S. A. Ramjahn meets F. A. Redmond in the fourth round of the Open Singles Championship, and T. Honda meets Ng Sze Cheong in the same round of the same competition.

**BOXING.**  
**EAST SURREY TOURNAMENT.**  
**PRELIMINARY BOUTS FOUGHT LAST NIGHT.**  
[BY CADOFFDD.]

The preliminary bouts in connection with the 1st East Surrey Regiment Boxing Tournament were fought last night at the Murray Barracks, the winners of each bout entering the semi-finals which are to be contested to-night. To-night also the finals will be decided. There was present a large attendance of officers and men. Major Paton refereed. The results were as follows:—

**WELTER-WEIGHTS.**  
Pte. Mann "A," v. Pte. Andrews. "C." Andrews was much the better man and knocked out his opponent in the second round.  
Sergt. Nolan, "B," v. Cpl. Robbins. "D." Three hard rounds were fought, Sergt. Nolan winning on points.  
Pte. Grant, "D," v. Pte. Hodges. "C." Grant was easily the better and disposed of his man in the first round.  
Pte. Pooley, "A," beat Pte. Parfitt, "B," on points after a good fight.

**MIDDLE-WEIGHTS.**  
Pte. Eaton, "A," v. Elliot, "D." Eaton knocked Elliot out in the first round.  
Pte. Glazier, "B," v. Pte. Shepherd. "C." This fight only lasted a round, Glazier failing to rise after being knocked down for the second time.  
Pte. Proffitt, "A," v. Pte. Sawell, "B." Proffitt knocked his man out in the first round.

**FEATHERWEIGHTS.**  
Pte. Newman, W.V., v. Pte. Piper. "B." These two had to fight an extra round, Newman being declared the winner.

Pte. Halcombe, "C," knocked out Pte. Johnson, "B," in the first round.  
Pte. Cooper was given a walk over by Pte. Pike, who was in hospital.  
Drummer Bowles, W.V., knocked out Pte. Lelliott, "A," in the first round.

**LIGHT HEAVIES (SEMI-FINAL).**  
Pte. Roberts, "A," v. L.C. Williams. "B." Roberts punished his man continually and the fight was stopped in the second round, Williams being awarded half-a-point for his game fight.

**FLY-WEIGHTS (SEMI-FINAL).**  
Pte. Brazier, "B," v. Pte. Mabey. "C." Brazier was knocked out in the first round.  
Pte. Quelch, "A," v. Pte. Woolfrey, "D." The fight went three rounds, Quelch being an easy winner.

**BANTAMWEIGHTS.**  
Drummer Simpson, W.V., v. Pte. Baxter. "A." Baxter was no match for Simpson, who disposed of him in the first round.  
Pte. Block, "D," v. Drummer Crockett, W.V. Block knocked his man out in the second round.

**LIGHT-WEIGHTS.**  
Pte. Simmons, "B," beat Pte. Bonner. "D." Pte. Finning, "A," was knocked out by Pte. Williamson, "A," in the second round. Pte. Goodfield, "B," lost to Cpl. Gheules, "D," on points, and Pte. Ditch, "A," disposed of Pte. Chown in the first round.

The contests are to begin to-night at 8 o'clock. The bouts promise to be well contested.

**YACHTING.**  
**THE CLOSING CRUISE.**


The programme which has been compiled for the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club's closing cruise of the season tomorrow afternoon, promises to be a very full, as well as a very interesting one. Provided the weather keeps fine, there should be nothing to mar the success of the function and there will undoubtedly be an interested gathering of visitors and members present to compete in or watch the various events.

Altogether there are seven events to be decided. Number one is for English Rig cruisers, for which there are sixteen entries, and which will be started at 2 p.m. Included in a second section of the first event is a race for Chinese Rig (class letter G), cruisers. The distance in the first race is five miles and in the second two miles. The start in each case is from Murray Pier and the finish will be at the Club House line.

The third event is for racing yachts (ladies' races) and this event includes Handicap Class (Class Letter H) and One design, Class (Class Letter I) The fourth event is for the Heyward Hays and Guel Classes (Class Letter Y and G). In the third and fourth events, the distance in each case will be four and a half miles. Race five is in the racing section of the programme for the Leveson Cup, to be rowed over a distance of one mile, reference to which was made in yesterday's *Daily Press*. This made in yesterday's will compete will be four crews which will compete will be the P.W.D., Electric Co., A.P.C. and H.M.S. *Tianan*, the fifth crew, the H.K. S. Bank, having been eliminated in a preliminary heat on Wednesday evening.

The last two events in the programme are for "Club" fours (Prizes for winning Crew) distance one mile, and a race for collapsible life boats from submarines. There will also be an exhibition game of lawn bowls during the afternoon. Mrs. T. Arthur (wife of the Commodore of the Club) has kindly consented to present the prizes at the conclusion of the racing.

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**HONOUR TO PAY TAXES.**  
**PROFESSOR SMITH'S LECTURE ON "PSYCHOLOGY AND TAXATION."**

Professor J. W. N. Smith continued his series of lectures on "Application of Psychology and Ethics to Industry" at the University yesterday evening, when he spoke on "Psychology and Taxation and the People's Attitude towards it."

The lecturer said that man was a social creature and it should be in his nature to take a reasonable part in social events, and also be reasonable about paying the bill when it came along. From the earliest times, the tax-collector had been disliked. The reason for that was that in early days a rich man bought the right of collecting taxes over a large district, and that man was out to make a profit.

In modern days, there was a certain dislike for the official, because it was observed by people in civilized countries that those who reach high offices of State never died in poverty.

In ancient Athens, it was considered an honour to pay taxes, and a family disgrace if taxes were overdue. It was also considered a further honour to pay voluntary taxes, and this was not a matter of self-advertisement for the names were not disclosed.

With reference to "Taxes on commodities" there was no tax on any commodity—there was a tax on the people who produced them.

The phrase was much used, but in itself it was incorrect. People tax foreign goods and make the foreigner pay, which only meant they were going to pay out of their own pockets if they bought foreign goods. A civilized community paid its own bills and this was paid by each individual in the end.

**INNOCENT CHINESE.**  
**HID A SMALL ARSENAL WITH PURE INTENTIONS.**

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. H. R. Butters, a Chinese laundryman, who had travelled from Canada by the *Empress of Canada* and arrived in Hongkong on Wednesday, was charged with the possession of various arms and ammunition.

Sergeant Chatterwood prosecuted, and it was stated that the defendant came ashore in a sampan on Wednesday from the liner with his luggage. The latter was searched by a Chinese Revenue Officer, who discovered that a trunk belonging to the defendant had a false back to the tray and a false bottom.

Concealed in these secret compartments were 350 rounds of revolver ammunition; 350 rounds of rifle ammunition; 200 cart-ridge primers; 25 clips; one magazine rifle; and a Colt revolver and a B.S.A. sporting rifle.

Defendant pleaded ignorance of the laws of the Colony regarding the importing of arms and ammunition. He said that he brought the weapons and ammunition with him at the request of a clansman in his native country, who asked him to bring them for defence purposes, because of the trouble going on.

His Worship fined defendant \$100, or in default two months' imprisonment.

**MARINE COURT.**  
**MAGISTRATE SPENDS A BUSY TIME.**

Several cases came before Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Holt, R.N., at the Marine Court yesterday.

Seven junk masters were fined \$15, with two weeks' hard labour in default, for failing to carry the regulation lights. The master of the steam launch *Kwong Kin* was fined \$20, with the alternative of three weeks' hard labour, for failing to observe the rule of the road. Another junk-master was fined \$10, or in default ten days' imprisonment with hard labour for anchoring in the Southern Fairway.

A coolie was charged under the rogue and vagabond section with being a suspected person and reputed thief and for loitering on No. 5 Wharf. Evidence was given by a European sergeant that he saw the man, running, and blew his whistle. He gave chase to the man, who ran along the wharf. When the sergeant's whistle was heard, the man was seen to be running towards the end of the wharf. Evidence was given by an Indian police constable, who was with the sergeant that he jumped over the wharf and found the defendant sitting underneath the wharf on a plank, and arrested him. Asked if he had any witnesses to call, defendant said he would like to call witnesses, but none were there that morning.

His Worship issued a subpoena summons for the witnesses whom defendant wished to be called, and adjourned the case for further hearing this morning.

**MANILA OLYMPIAD.**  
**SOUTH CHINA ATHLETES SAIL ON "EMPRESS OF CANADA."**

The following members of the South China Athletic Association sailed by the *Empress of Canada* at daylight today. They are bound for Manila to take part in the Far Eastern Olympiad.

Footballers.—Wong Pak Chung (captain); Li Wai Tong (vice-captain); Lau Hing Cheung; Chan So, Lai Yuk Tat, Wang Shui Wah, Lam Yuk Ying, Pang Wong Wing, Suen Kam Shun, Chan Kam Yau, Pang Wah Hing, Ng Kam Chuen, Wong Mee Shun, Hui Shing Lu, Chan Woon In, U Wing Chan, and Leung Wing Tak.

Baseballers.—K. F. June (captain), S. L. Lee, Chua Chan, A. Yee, Chu Yat Kwai, Tsai Ping Fan, H. A. Pan, S. S. Lee, and T. Chan.

Tennis Players.—Ho Ka-Lau and runner Leung Wing Lun.

General Secretary.—Mr. Ko Sik Wai.

Treasurer and Secretary.—Mr. Ling Pui Chan. Messrs. Leung Tong (footballer), Richard Shim, T. C. Cheng and A. S. Liu (baseballers), will sail on the 13th.

Mr. Shim has been appointed general manager of the delegation from Hongkong.

**CHINESE Y.M.C.A.**

Application is being filed with the Hongkong authorities for broad-casting from the wireless room of the Hongkong Chinese Y.M.C.A., where a regular course in wireless telegraphy is being conducted by Mr. David P. S. Yue, an experienced operator formerly with the Wireless Administration at Canton. Mr. Yue has been abroad for many years making a special study of the subject.

**ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE.**

At an Examination for the "Inspector of Nuisances" Certificate, held by the Hongkong Board of Examiners of the Royal Sanitary Institute in March, two out of the three Candidates "passed." They were Messrs. Philip Eric Knight and Lewis John Morley.

Both the successful candidates are Sanitary Inspectors under the Hongkong Government. The Board of Examiners consisted of Dr. J. B. Addison, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, Dr. W. W. Pearse, Mr. W. J. Mackenzie, Sir Eric Stuart Taylor, Mr. P. T. Lambie, and Mr. E. Ralph (Secretary).



## INTERPORT CRICKET.

## HONGKONG TEAM SAILS TO-DAY.

[BY ARGUS.]

The passenger list on the *President Jefferson*, sailing for Shanghai to-day, includes the Hongkong cricket team to meet Shanghai in an interport match next week.

The Rev. E. K. Quick will skipper the team, which will probably be composed as follows: H. N. Balthazard, A. C. I. Bowker, Pay-Lie-Cdr. G. E. L. Hargreaves, R.N., Capt. E. W. Morris, A. W. Ramsay, E. B. Reed, E. F. Stewart, E. Stripp, Capt. R. F. Walker and Capt. R. H. P. West.

Mr. H. E. Hollands and Captain Armstrong have been advertised as accompanying the team as "spare men."

From what I could gather, in official quarters last evening the final composition of the eleven will rest with the Captain, though it was not admitted that any decision had been reached with regard to the inclusion of Capt. Armstrong, who, after the skipper, is undoubtedly the soundest batsman of the thirteen.

Capt. Armstrong has been suffering from water on the knee and in some quarters it is feared that he will not be able to stand the strain of a three days' match.

In addition to his prowess as a batsman, Capt. Armstrong has few equals in the Colony at cover-point. There we must leave the matter.

A brief survey of the team, from the umpire's point of view, may prove of interest.

Rev. E. K. Quick:—A batsman, who watches the ball most carefully. Sound in defence and has many scoring shots, particularly behind cover and off his legs. Should undoubtedly be one of the opening batsmen as he appears to have the "nerve" and a good start is half the battle to a team in the main composed of griffins. As the slow bowler of the side, he will take a lot of wickets if well-backed up in the field. Quite capable of "sticking up" the best batsman on a wicket that helps him at all.

H. N. BALTHAZARD:—An ambitious batsman, but too anxious to score off straight balls before he has played himself in. A sound field and catch and, at his best, a more than useful change bowler.

A. C. I. BOWKER:—The fast bowler of the team. A great trifier, but not blessed with the best of luck. Gets many wickets with a ball that keeps low and whips back very quickly. A bowler that a batsman can ill afford to take many liberties with. A splendid field, especially at cover. At times somewhat too fond of throwing at the wicket instead of returning a long hop. A hard-hitting bat with the heart of a lion—seldom throws away a chance of stealing a run.

Pay-Lie-Cdr. G. E. L. HARGREAVES:—A bowler who takes a long time to settle down, but, when once set, scores quickly. Appears to be weak on the leg-side, but scores many runs by glides. As a bowler has a very deceptive delivery, especially with a new ball. Inclined to over-pitch. A painstaking field and fairly reliable catch. Prefers a cloudy day, when he can generally be depended upon to make runs.

Capt. E. W. MORRIS:—A stylish bat with sound defense and a quick scorer when set. Played a fine innings, on an atrocious pitch on the K.C.C. ground, the first time I saw him at the wicket. Has possibilities as a bowler. As a fieldsmen has been known to have his head down.

A. W. RAMSAY:—The hitter of the team. Pretends to possess no defense; if he will use his feet more and get to the pitch of the ball is certain to make runs. On his day a thorn in any bowler's side as he hits at all conceivable angles. A very sound field.

E. B. REED:—With Bowker will have to bear the brunt of the attack. Still the best bowler in the Colony. Generally keeps the batsman guessing. Has not bowled with the best of luck this season, but a bowler that few batsmen attempt to treat with contempt. A painstaking fieldsmen, but has no pretensions as a batsman.

R. F. STEWART:—The "baby" of the team. Another, stylish batsman, who should have a great future provided he can break himself of stepping in front of the wicket and attempting to hook the straight ones to leg. A sound, and at times brilliant field.

E. STRIPP:—The wicket-keeper—and a very good one. Lets remarkably few bays however wild the bowling. Plays with a very straight bat, has a sound defense, but appears afraid to make sufficient use of his hitting powers. An ideal man to accompany his skipper as the opening pair—especially if we lose the toss and have to bat second.

Capt. R. E. WALKER:—A keen all-round cricketer, at times bowling above the average and often scoring runs when least expected. Probably the fastest bowler in the team, for a few overs, and especially deadly on a fiery or crumbling wicket.

Capt. R. H. P. WEST:—A hard-hitting fast-scoring bat with very fair defense. A useful change bowler.

H. E. HOLLANDS:—On his day, a difficult bat to dispose of, provided he keeps his legs clear of the wicket. Has been heard to say that he is generally given out l.b.w. and that nine times out of ten the umpire's decision is correct. "Some-what slack in the field, but this, I understand, is frequently because the light has shined him on the H.K.C.C. ground."

Capt. ARMSTRONG:—After the Rev. Quick, the best bat of the 13. Has a sound defense and—as demonstrated in his first season here—has a variety of good scoring shots all round the wicket. One of the best cover-points in the Colony.

(Continued on next Column).

## SUPREME COURT.

## APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.

## GUARDIANSHIP ISSUE.

In the Supreme Court before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) yesterday an action was brought concerning the goods of Chan Yiu (deceased), in which Chan Young, as the only surviving adult next of kin, applied for letters of administration. The defendant, Chan Chew Shi, concubine of the deceased, had entered a caveat.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., with Mr. Easley Zeilyn (instructed by Mr. Leask, of Messrs. G. K. Hall Brutton) appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., with Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Mr. H. K. Woo) was for defendant.

Mr. Alabaster pointed out that there seemed to be some doubt as to who should open the case. Plaintiff was living at No. 124, Queen's Road East, and was the natural brother and only next of kin of mature age. Deceased died on May 24th, 1924, intestate. There were two sons aged 11 and 13 respectively, and four daughters, one of whom was married, while the remaining three were infants. Plaintiff claimed that he was the head of the family, and as such was lawful guardian of the children and the proper person entitled to letters of administration.

The defendant was the only surviving wife or concubine, and she stated that she was charged to take care of the children by deceased's first concubine, who died in 1916. This woman denied that the brother was the head of the family or that he was a natural guardian. She claimed in the first place that she was the wife, and otherwise that she was guardian of the children by virtue of having received a special appointment whereby she became a compassionate mother of the children.

Mr. Potter submitted that the onus of proof was upon the person who applied for letters. Even under English law the brother would be unable to secure a grant, and added that the position was clearly established that the question was covered by Chinese law.

His Lordship said the Court had to decide which of the two persons was the legal guardian of the children.

Mr. Potter: Yes, and therefore that person who makes the claim must satisfy the Court.

His Lordship held that Mr. Alabaster should begin.

Mr. Alabaster then opened his case and said that with regard to a statement made by the defendant to the effect that she was given a special appointment, she alleged that this was given her on the morning of July 2nd, 1916, and was made following requests by the deceased to his dying concubine. They, however, would prove on the evidence that this was impossible, and they would also prove that if this were so it did not confer on the defendant the rights she claimed.

Deceased, who was born in the Waichow district of Kwangtung Province, left there at an early age with his brother and mother for Hongkong. Neither of the brothers ever returned. The mother died in 1899. By this time the brothers had established a tailoring business which flourished to such an extent that the brothers had a participating share which they were agreed was worth about \$183,000 each. The estate of the deceased for which the letters were pleaded was \$180,000. Deceased had three concubines in addition to his first wife. When this wife was dying she asked the godmother and her own stepmother to take care of the children. When she died another concubine was taken into the family to counteract the bad omen of death. But she was not taken on as a "living" wife. This was the defendant. They had many witnesses who would emphatically deny that she was ever charged to be the mother of the children to take care of them.

Evidence was given by plaintiff and a woman witness, and His Lordship adjourned the case until this morning.

## SUMMING UP.

In view of the difficulties experienced by the selection committee in obtaining a team to make the costly journey, I consider that the Colony will be fairly well represented.

The weak point is decidedly the attack—if Reed and Bowker fail us, there is little talent to fall back upon. Besides Quick, Armstrong and possibly Morris the team lacks any really dependable batsmen, but I fancy the Shanghai bowlers will find that the tenth man is just as likely to make runs as the earlier ones—therein lies our strength. As far as bowling is concerned, there is variety since Reed, Bowker, Quick, Hargreaves, Morris, Walker and West can all be called upon.

In wishing the team the best of luck, I am asked to give them the following message from an old-timer, whose keenness has abated no whit since he gave up the game:

"Remember that a run saved is a run made; back-up when at the wicket and call so that your partner realizes what you intend to do; when in the field be especially careful not to damage the bowler's hands by returning anything except long-hops to him. Never throw at the wicket-keeper's feet."

The old-timer tells me that if our men men throw away no chances, Shanghai will find they have a more difficult task before them than the team on paper has led many to believe.

## LATE LORD LEVERHULME.

## CHARACTER REVEALED IN HIS OWN STORIES.

Throughout his life Lord Leverhulme was always essentially "a young man"—alertly vigorous in mind and body. Speaking at a gathering organised in Liverpool, four years ago, in honour of his 70th birthday, he made facetious reference to the signs of old age which he alleged, the company all saw in him. "I am 'soght after,'" he remarked, "at this time of life, not for any use I may be, but entirely for ornament. They ask me to open bismars, to sit on platforms, because it gives tone. Anyone else could open bismars far better, but it is a question of tone. When you get to the age of 70 you give tone to the proceedings. After all, I have had my 70 years so far, and I have enjoyed everyone of them, and I do not see why I should not go on enjoying the remainder."

"A great consolation to me is to turn to my good friend Whitaker. Whitaker is the guide, philosopher and friend of my maturer years. When I turn to Whitaker's Almanack what do I find? I find that the day I was born I had an expectation of life of 44 years; but by the time I got to 13, my expectation of life was then 45 years, which meant that I should live to 60. At 33 years (when I registered the brand "Sunlight") I had an expectation of life of 31 years, and at 37 (when we cut the first sod at Port Sunlight) I had an expectation of 28 years. At 50 years of age, I had an expectation of 19 years. At 60 years I had an expectation of 13 years. Today at 70 I have an expectation of eight years."

Lord Leverhulme failed to fulfil this last expectation by three years, but he kept the direction of his great business in his own hands until the last.

Naturally he had very considerable inducements to front his undertakings, at an early stage of their development, as a Limited Liability Company, and it is interesting to recall how he retained personal control. The story was told by Lord Leverhulme himself.

"On looking back," he said, "the most severe time I ever experienced in connection with Lever's and Sunlight was in 1891. I was very distressed and disturbed. We had moved to Port Sunlight and had got into the works there in September, 1889. In 1890 the soap trade was not good, and all at once I came to the conclusion that this money (largely the result of over-trading, had been altogether an unwise investment and that the little works at Warrington would, in all likelihood, be big enough for us. I had this great consolation—that I had no one else's money to lose except my own, because, of course, the banks were amply covered with saleable stocks. During that period I hardly slept at night, and one morning I received a letter from a gentleman stating that if I had any intention of leaving the business his firm in London would be pleased to handle the matter. I got the accounts together and I took a very early train to London to keep the appointment that was made. I showed from the accounts that we were making profits of about £50,000 per annum. 'Of course,' I said, 'we are quite a young firm.' Having gone through the papers the London Company promoter said: 'I think we can float your business for £600,000, say 200,000 debentures at 5 per cent, 200,000 preferences at 6 per cent, and the rest ordinary, and we will put two-thirds on the market, and you can keep one-third, which is the maximum amount a firm of proprietors can retain by the rules of the Stock Exchange.' This offer of £600,000 seemed to me a very big one at the time, and I felt rather scared at the idea. I said once more 'I have told you, you know, that we are only a young firm. I only commenced soap-making in the year 1884, and I am not sure whether these profits will be maintained at all and I really feel that it is rather a risk.' He wheeled round in his chair and said: 'What the devil will it matter to you so long as you get the money?' I said: 'I will think about it' and I gathered my papers and went out. I did not part with the business, and three years after we floated the business and the whole of the ordinary shares were retained and have been ever since."

That is the business which has since grown world-wide in its ramifications, and now controls something like 250 associated companies. The balance sheet of Lever Brothers, Ltd., for 1923 showed an authorized share capital of £130,000,000, of which fifty-one millions were paid up, and since then the interests of the Company have been considerably extended. In that year the profits were over £5,000,000.

## A NOTABLE CAREER.

By the passing, at the age of 74, of the first Viscount Leverhulme, the world of industry and commerce has lost one of its most remarkable figures, a man whose soap-manufacturing organization, known as Lever Bros., Ltd., with branches or affiliated companies in all parts of the world, may safely be said to be the greatest of its kind. A short but powerfully built man, with small and very keen eyes, he possessed in an extraordinary degree the qualities that make for success in business, shrewdness, foresight, an exceptional gift for organization even to the smallest detail, a determination, a self-confidence and a rock-like determination. William Hesketh Lever was born at Bolton, Lancashire in 1851,

and after completing his early education at the Bolton Church Institute, entered his father's business at that town at the age of 18. He quickly mastered the details of soap-manufacturing as they were understood in the paternal business, then only of modest dimensions, and later, when he assumed full control, lost no time in launching out on lines carefully planned by himself. Success came gradually but surely, and after a few years had passed, the firm's name began to be one that was known not only in the North of England but all over the United Kingdom. Mr. Lever married early, at the age of 23, and became the father of one son, now the Hon. W. H. Lever, who succeeds to the viscounty at the age of 37. The rising soap-manufacturer's finest advertisement was his creation of "Port Sunlight," the name of which was derived from a well-known brand of soap made by his firm, and which was a sort of Garden City of soap-factory-workers, with model houses, playing fields, and all manner of means of recreation which had never before been provided for factory folk. The innovation, which received a world-wide publicity at the time, was of immeasurable benefit to the concern. In 1906 Mr. Lever acquired for his company a controlling interest in a number of other well-known firms, and almost immediately became the object of a vigorous and sustained attack by the *Daily Mail* and other papers of the Northcliffe group, which indicted his action as the formation of a "Soap Trust" to raise the price of one of the greatest hygienic necessities of the people. The public were urged to boycott the wares of Mr. Lever's concerns, and to buy solely soap made by firms which had no connection with them. The war was waged with the greatest vigour for several weeks, but despite the power of the *Daily Mail*, this was one of that paper's unsuccessful campaigns. Mr. Lever kept on enlarging his interests, the public bought his soap as enthusiastically as ever—and in a short space of time the "Soap Trust" agitation was forgotten. Mr. Lever was raised to the Peerage as a Baron in 1917, and was created a Viscount in 1921. He was a keen Freemason, and was Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of England in 1918.

## PIRACY OF 'HUHUI'.

## VESSEL FALLS INTO ROBBERS' HANDS THIRD TIME.

Bought about twenty months ago by the Ming Kee Company, of Des Voeux Road West, the *Huuihai* has been subjected to piracy no less than three times in that period.

Naturally this continued bad luck has had a serious effect on the business of the company and, it is understood, that they now intend to cease operations and wind up the Company.

On one occasion when the *Huuihai* was pirated, two members of the crew were killed. The latest occasion on which she has been subjected to piracy on the West River was on Monday of this week. Details of the attack on her were mentioned in police reports yesterday.

It appears that the vessel left Hongkong on Sunday commanded by a Chinese master and carrying a cargo of rice etc., valued at \$20,000. She is a small steamer and does not carry any passengers, her capacity being 300 tons. At about 11 p.m. on Monday, when the *Huuihai* was near Pak Fa Tau (Hungshan district) two men suddenly rushed into the wheel house and held up the Captain with a revolver. The crew were also subdued at the point of the revolver, and soon afterwards further pirates appeared in a boat and boarded the ship. The reinforcements numbered 22 men. At the order of the pirates, the vessel was taken to Kog Mi where the ship was ransacked and cargo and plunder taken ashore in small boats. In addition to the ship's stores, included in the pirates' loot was the vessel's armament comprising four Mauser pistols and 400 rounds of ammunition. The commodore was also taken captive and held for ransom.

The *Huuihai* arrived in Hongkong on Tuesday night without calling at Wanchow. It seems apparent that the pirates acted in collusion with members of the crew.

This piracy is of particular interest in view of the meeting held by the West River Shipowners' Association on Wednesday to consider what action should be taken in connection with threatening letters of a blackmailing nature which have been received of late by some of the Chinese companies owning ships plying between Hongkong and the West River ports from a pirate organisation demanding protective fees.

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## VISIT TO CHINA.

Lord Leverhulme passed through Hongkong in 1913 and made a trip up the West River as far as Wuchow. Being a great collector of objects d'art himself he was naturally particularly interested in Sir Paul Chater's wonderful collection of Chinese porcelain and spent a considerable time in viewing and admiring the treasures in Marble Hall.

Lever Bros. were represented in China until a few years back by Lever Bros. (China), Ltd., a company registered in England. Now their interests are in the hands of the China Soap Company, a firm with its registration in Shanghai. This Company, in addition to handling the business of Lever Bros., Ltd., of Port Sunlight, also act for the associated companies including Vinolia Co., Ltd., Prices Soap Co., R. S. Hudson, Ltd., Blondeau & Co., Hodgson & Simpson Ltd., Crown Perfumery Co., Erasmio Co., Ltd., Joseph Crossfield & Sons, Ltd., and the International Ice-Making Trading Co.

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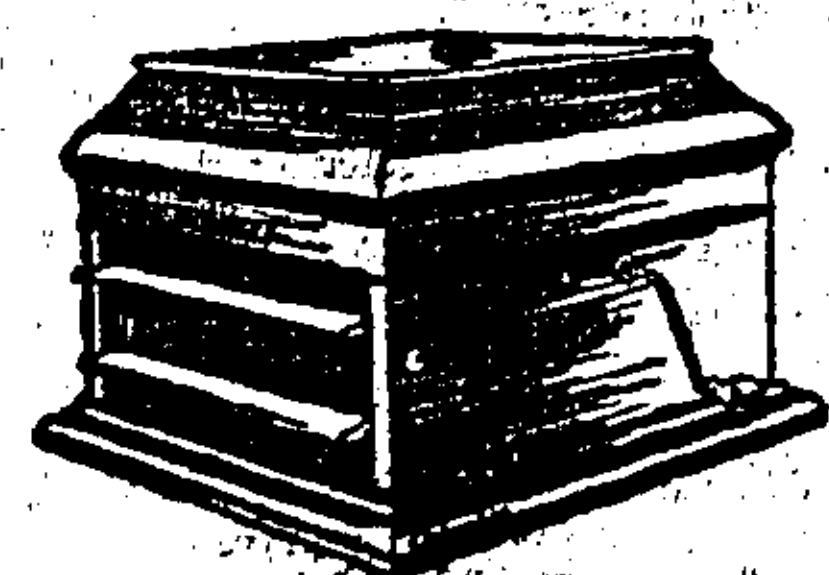
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## CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.  
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]FRANCE NOT BELLICOSE.  
CHARGE OF MILITARISM IS MERE  
FOOLISHNESS.

PARIS, May 25th.  
Lord Crewe, British Ambassador to Paris, speaking at a dinner given by the Association of France at Grande Bretagne, said among the worst foolishness is the charge of militarism so falsely brought against France.

He recalled that at the Ambassadors' Conference, held last January, Marshal Foch stated that he liked conferences and did not like war. This statement was the expression of an undoubted truth. The jingo spirit does not exist.

Would it be likely, Lord Crewe asked, that those who had suffered by war and are striving hard to rebuild the country's pathetic ruins, could contemplate a repetition of those terrible years?—Havas.

## COTTON CONFERENCE.

THE JOINT COMMITTEE FIND  
AGAINST PRICE REDUCTION

LONDON, May 25th.  
The joint committee appointed by the Cotton Conference on April 22nd, report that the reduction of prices is impossible. The trade generally is recovering, but still is handicapped by the diminishing purchasing power of consumers.

## PRINCESS ROYAL.

IMPROVEMENT IS STILL BEING  
MAINTAINED.

LONDON, May 25th.  
Today's bulletin states that the Princess Royal slept well. The improvement in her condition is maintained.

## EARLIER CABLES.

## DUTY ON TEA.

MOTION TO REDUCE TAX IS  
REJECTED.

LONDON, May 25th.  
The House of Commons passed the report stage of the tea duty unaltered after rejecting a motion by Mr. H. C. Charleson (Lab., Leeds) to reduce the tea duty from fourpence to one penny.

Mr. Rennie Smith (Lab., Penistone), in seconding, complained that the duty was unjust, because it was just as heavy on the cheaper as on the dearer teas. He suggested that the matter might be adjusted by a higher duty on the dearer teas.

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPLIES.

Hon. W. E. Guinness, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, in reply, pointed out that the duty on tea was lower now than before the war. He agreed that the last year's remission of the duty was at the time of change passed on to the consumer, but at present the consumer is no longer enjoying the full reduction. The average price of both the costlier and cheaper teas was only just about a penny less than before last year's Budget. It was difficult to say whether the rise in price was due to increased demand or to a decrease in supplies, but in view of the admitted shortage of supply a further decrease in the duty was likely to cause such an increase in demand as to cause quite a disproportionate increase in the price. Moreover, the proposed remission would mean a loss of £5,000,000 in a full year.

## THE MCKENNA DUTIES.

MUCH DUMPING TO AVOID RE-  
IMPOSITION IN JULY.

LONDON, May 25th.  
The Channel ports have been very busy with the importation of watches, clocks and motor-cars from the Continent, which apparently are being dumped with a view to avoiding the McKenna duties, whose re-imposition on July 1st was announced by Mr. Churchill in his Budget speech.

## CUSTOMS ON ALERT.

At question-time, in the House of Commons, asked regarding the above, Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, replied that he anticipated some increased importation, but he would not hesitate to seek the House's authority to ante-date the operation of the duties if his revenue estimate showed signs of excessive importation. In the meantime, the Customs were keeping a careful record of all importations with a view to collecting the duty retrospectively if such a course is found necessary. (Cheers.)

## NEW SILK DUTIES.

ESTIMATED TO PRODUCE SEVEN  
MILLIONS STERLING.

LONDON, May 25th.  
In the House of Commons, the Hon. Walter Guinness informed Mr. H. B. Lees-Smith that the silk duties were estimated to produce seven millions sterling in a full year and four millions in 1925-6, made up of natural silk four and a half and two and a half millions, and artificial two and a half and one and a half millions, respectively.

## A COTTON TRADE PROTEST.

The joint standing committee of the cotton trade organisations of Manchester has passed a resolution protesting against the proposed duties on artificial silk yarn on the ground that it is a necessary raw material for the cotton trade, and expressing the opinion that the proposals are likely to add very considerably to the cost of production and seriously cripple a branch of industry which is rapidly developing.

The joint industrial council of the silk industry condemns the duties on raw silk and raw waste, and urges a drastic modification.

## WAR IN MOROCCO.

RIF TRIBESMEN LOSE MANY AT  
TAOUNAT HEIGHTS.

PARIS, May 25th.  
A communiqué from Morocco states that the French centre column cleared the Taounat Heights after fierce resistance by the enemy.

Le Temps publishes a telegram from Fez which says that the French lost four officers and 44 men killed and 150 wounded.

The Riffs' casualties were ten times greater than those of the French forces.

## MINES IN S. AFRICA.

COLOUR BAR BILL PASSES  
SECOND READING.

CAPE TOWN, May 25th.  
The Mines Works Bill, which lays down a colour bar against natives and Asiatics, has passed its second reading, and has been referred to a select committee.

The Minister of Mines, Mr. Beyers, deprecated speeches by General Smuts, and others of the Opposition, as tending to cause disaffection in the native mind. He argued that the Bill only enacted the colour bar previously embodied in the regulations of the Transvaal Free State, which had been found *ultra vires*. He promised careful consideration as to what extent the bill should be applied in Cape Province. The Asiatic aspect was hardly discussed in the later stages of the debate.

## MURDER OF SIRDAR.

NINE ACCUSED COMMITTED  
FOR TRIAL.

CAIRO, May 25th.  
The nine persons accused of the murder of the Sirdar were committed for trial at the Assize Court on May 12th. Abdel Fattahemiat asked to be allowed to make a statement, and he described how the murder of the Sirdar was carried out.

## HINDENBURG'S ELECTION.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATS PROTEST ITS  
VALIDITY.

BERLIN, May 25th.  
The Social Democrats have officially protested against the validity of Marshal von Hindenburg's election to the Presidency, on the ground of irregularities, and they demand that the election be declared null and void.

## THE LEAGUE ASSEMBLY.

GENEVA PROTOCOL ON AGENDA  
FOR SEPTEMBER.

GENEVA, May 25th.  
Mr. Austen Chamberlain has convoked the League Assembly for September 25th. The agenda contains the Geneva Protocol.

## AMSTERDAM OLYMPIAD.

SECOND CHAMBER REJECTS BILL  
OF GUARANTEE.

THE HAGUE, May 25th.  
The Second Chamber rejected the Bill guaranteeing Fl. 1,000,000 in connection with the holding of the Olympiad at Amsterdam in 1928.

POLITICAL SITUATION  
IN CHINA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## MORE RUMOURS OF WAR.

CHANG TSO LIN AND FENG YU  
HSIANG AT LOGGERSHEADS.

PEKING, May 25th.  
There have been rumours during the past few days in Tientsin and Peking that hostilities between Chang Tso Lin and Feng Yu Hsiang, (the Christian General) are imminent.

According to one report, freight traffic on the Peking-Mukden Railway is being stopped in order to allow of the transport of troops, and another report to-day stated that five divisions have already started to move from Mukden for Shanhaikuan.

Other circles, however, deny these reports.

It was stated semi-officially this evening that the order for mobilisation of rolling-stock had been cancelled.

## FURTHER TROOP MOVEMENTS.

PEKING, May 25th.  
There seems good ground for believing that Marshal Chang Tso Lin has decided to bring more troops within the Wall, and troops movements are also proceeding northward from Hanchow. A Russian brigade is reported to have arrived at Tsinan from Hanchow.

It is stated preparations are being made for the accommodation of Fengtien troops at Peking.

Many competent authorities, however, are of opinion that war at present is unlikely. These observers think Chang Tso Lin will content himself with the peaceful development of the North-West, though it is admitted the situation is somewhat delicate.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN"]

## SZECHUEN AND YUNNAN.

BORDER COMMISSIONER REPORTS  
TROUBLE BREWING.

PEKING, May 25th.  
Liu Cheng Hsun, Border Commissioner for Szechuan and Yunnan, has telegraphed to Peking reporting that Yang Sen attacked his troops without cause, thus ignoring the Government's order for the maintenance of peace.

Liu Cheng Hsun urged that for the sake of peace in the province Yang Sen should be dismissed and deprived of his official rank.

## TARIFF CONFERENCE.

DR. YEN ACCEPTS INVITATION  
TO TAKE CHARGE.

PEKING, May 25th.  
It is stated that Dr. W. Yen has accepted the Government's invitation to take charge of the bureau to be established in connection with the forthcoming Tariff Conference.

It is understood, however, that on the ground of economy Dr. Yen has suggested that the bureau should not be inaugurated immediately, since the opening of the Conference has not yet been fixed, but in the meantime he should act in the capacity of chairman of the Financial Readjustment Commission and begin to make the necessary preparations.

## LATEST CABLES.

## OBITUARY.

## LORD LEVERHULME.

LONDON, May 25th.  
The death is announced of Lord Leverhulme.

## ADMIRAL SIR D. STURDEE.

LONDON, May 25th.  
The death is announced of Admiral of the Fleet Sir Doveton Sturdee.

[The late Sir Doveton was the first baronet, being created in 1916. He was born on June 25, 1859; educated at the Royal Naval School, New Cross. He entered the Navy in 1871; Captain, 1890; Rear-Admiral, 1903; Admiral, 1917. He commanded H.M.S. Invincible in the action off the Falkland Islands, 1914. He was Commander-in-Chief at the North from 1918-21. He is succeeded by his son, Commander Lionel A. D. Sturdee, R.N., who was born on September, 2nd, 1884.]

## LATEST CABLES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

## ZEALOUS CUSTOMS MEN.

SARCASTIC CONGRATULATIONS  
FROM NEW YORK PRESS.

BRITISH FLAG TAKEN.

NEW YORK, May 25th.  
The Press have been sarcastically congratulating the Customs Authorities on their zeal in imposing a tax of \$12 on a British flag, brought to America by British delegates to the Advertising Convention, who explained that the flag was not intended for sale but as a gift to the City of Houston. But the Customs Authorities were adamant.

Subsequently a number of indignant American delegates invaded the Customs Offices, where they were disappointed to find that the flag contained silk and nothing short of an Act of Congress could secure remission of the tax.

FAR EASTERN CABLE  
NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## CHINA'S LOAN DEFAULTS.

USELESS TO APPROACH PEKING  
FOR THE PRESENT.

LONDON, May 25th.  
In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. W. Foot-Mitchell (C., Saffron Walden), Mr. Absten Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said that the British Minister at Peking had repeatedly made representations to the Chinese Government with respect to the payment to the British shareholders of the unpaid interest on the Marconi and Vickers eight per cent loans. The Chinese Government had replied to the last representation, regretting that they had no funds to meet these obligations, which no doubt was true, as they had been in a state of bankruptcy for some time past. Therefore, he feared it would be useless to urge the Chinese Government to make good the default at present, though the British Minister naturally will press the matter whenever a favourable opportunity occurs.

## THE GERMAN LOAN.

Replying to Sir V. Bowater (C. City of London), Mr. Austen Chamberlain said that the default in connection with the German issue of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway Loan had not yet been made good. The British Minister at Peking had pressed the Chinese Government to meet the British holders of coupons without further delay.

## OBITUARY.

## GENERAL KAN YU KAN.

PEKING, May 25th.  
It is now officially confirmed that General Kan Yu Kan died at Sungshan, Shensi, about three weeks ago. His death took place about one week after that of Hu Ching Yi.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN"]

## JAPAN'S BEST POLICY.

BARON SHIDEHARA IN SPEECH  
AT GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE.

TOKYO, May 25th.  
In the course of his speech at the gubernatorial conference, Baron Shidehara, Foreign Minister, said he felt gratified that the Russian questions were practically settled. He felt optimistic that the improving Soviet policy and conditions will facilitate economic co-operation. He expressed confidence in the increasing Japan-American friendship, resulting in both Governments making sincere efforts at astute handling of the immigration question. He urged special efforts at Sino-Japanese friendship, adding that upon China's "Far Eastern diplomatic policy depends Japan's general, international and diplomatic policies."

## THE BEST POLICY.

Baron Shidehara said he considers that the Taingao strike was due merely to economic considerations, and he believes that the world's armament limitation is possible within limits. He attributes the existing international questions as being due to economic struggles, and therefore he urged the necessity for promoting commercial relations with the Powers as the best policy.

## EARTHQUAKE IN CEBU.

CENTRE OF DISTURBANCE IN  
THE SULU SEA.

MANILA, May 25th.  
Six shocks of earthquake were registered here and four shocks at Cebu during the last twenty-four hours.

It is believed that the southern islands may be damaged.

The centre of the disturbance is believed to have been in the Sulu Sea.

## OLYMPIC TENNIS.

MR. KINSEY EXPECTS JAPAN  
TO WIN CONTEST.

MANILA, May 25th.  
Howard Kinsey, in the course of a statement, says that the Japanese will probably clean up the Olympic tennis events, and he does not concede the Filipinos any chance of winning.

## CANTON NEWS

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

## EXCHANGE OF COMPLIMENTS.

As a return to the compliments paid them by the Native Bankers Association of Canton which is offering \$500 to \$2,000 for the arrest and conviction of every highway robber caught in snatching cash and documents from bank clerks on the streets, the "Order of the Knights of the Green Forest", as the bandits and pirates are commonly known, has addressed a letter to the Bankers Association for a loan of \$10,000, Hongkong Currency.

## MERCHANT VOLUNTEERS.

The merchants in Canton are considering the reorganization of their volunteer corps as a means for self-defence, but in order not to conflict with the former organization which is still intact, only not appearing publicly, the new force will be called a local defence corps. Upon the complete restoration of the recently defeated volunteer corps to power, the new body will then be affiliated with it, according to the present plan.

## KWANG TUNG ARSENAL.

Cantonese workers in the Kwangtung Arsenal at Shekcheng, numbering 3,270, have decided to preserve the plant intact. Although the plant is now in the hands of the Yunnanese, the Cantonese workers will try to prevent any devaluation at the hands of non-Cantonese directors who do not intend to remain long.

## CHINESE LABOUR CONFERENCE.

Following the address of a Soviet labour delegates, the second business meeting of the Second National Conference of Chinese Labour at Canton, May 1st-10th, resolved to affiliate with the Soviet Federation of Workers and sent a telegram to the Reds at Moscow to this effect. Latest registration shows that 253 labour delegates are attending the conference at Canton. At the last minute, the Shanghai delegation cancelled its passage for Canton, which was responsible for the failure to achieve the 300 mark in attendance. The Shanghai delegation, according to the statement circulated throughout the country, has expressed its fear that the representation of Shanghai Chinese Labour at the conference would be misunderstood as an approval of Bolshevism, by which the present conference is being accused of being dominated.

## TO STOP MURDER.

Canton district police captains have suggested to the mercenary army commanders to stop the practice of shooting at alleged army deserters or enemy spies in the streets of Canton. The latest case of this sort was found on the afternoon of May 23rd at Chen's Temple in Paigotung, when more than 10 Reds put a man to death by inflicting wounds all over his body with daggers they carried.

## HEUNG SHAN SOCIETY'S PROTEST.

The Heungshan Society at Hongkong, it is understood, is opposed to the recent decision of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang in Canton to make the Heungshan, now called the Chungshan, District as an experiment station for the Bolshevik principle of local government. The protest of the Society has been carried to Canton and Shekai, district seat of government, by special representatives. The protest is in the form of a request to the Kuomintang to retain the *status quo* of the district.

## HONOLULU CONFERENCE.

NAMES OF POSSIBLE CHINESE  
DELEGATES.

To consider contacts and conflicts and to foster understanding and co-operation, a conference on problems of the Pacific peoples will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii, from July 1st to 15th, 1925, when about 120 delegates from Australia, Canada, China, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, the Philippine Islands, and the United States will attend. The main objects of the conference are the elucidation and discussion of the international and inter-racial relations of the Pacific Peoples with a view to appreciative understanding leading to wise action in the future. The conference will be held under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, but both men and women will attend as delegates.

The most perplexing of present problems of the Pacific seem to be migration and immigration, and ships.

Among those invited by the China Committee on the Pan-Pacific Conference to attend as delegates for China are Mr. Tang Shao Yi, an ex-Premier of the Republic, now at Shanghai; Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Chang of Hankow, a leading Chinese lawyer and his wife; Dr. Chang Po Ling, president of Nankai University at Tientsin; Dr. Huang Yen Pei, a noted Chinese scholar of Shanghai; Dr. Wong of Amoy; and Mr. Hui Wong of Canton. The Chinese delegates are especially interested in the questions of extraterritoriality and immigration.

## 'THE TRUTH.'

THE KWANGSI TROOPS AROUND  
CANTON.

An authoritative communiqué from the Headquarters of General Liu Chen Wan, Commander-in-chief of the Kwangsi army in Canton states:—

"With the return of the Kwangsi troops from the East River districts, the imperialists and the anti-revolutionaries have generated many rumours to disturb the peace of Canton.

In an interview with an important officer of General Liu Chen Wan's staff, a representative of the *Canton Gazette* was assured that the rumours were both groundless and ludicrous.

"During the three long years of strain which the siege of Weichow involved, said the officer, 'our troops were exposed to the attacks of all kinds of weather and climate as well as that of the enemy. After the fall of Weichow two weeks ago, it was decided that our troops should be given a change and they were thereupon transferred back to the vicinity of Canton where rest and repair may be obtained with greater facility.

"After a short period of rest and relaxation, our troops will move to the districts along the North River to undergo drill and further training.

## THE TEACHINGS OF DR. SUN.

In addition to the military training, General Liu has arranged that a considerable number of members of the Kuomintang shall be engaged to expound to our soldiers the teachings of Dr. Sun Yat Sen contained in his Plan of National Construction, Outline of Reconstruction, and the Three People's Theory.

General Liu has also ordered that the Political Will of Dr. Sun shall be read before and after each drill.

"Our object is not only to make our soldiers efficient in acquiring dexterity in war, but also to understand the basic principles of the Kuomintang and to imbibe the Spirit of Dr. Sun.

"Thus equipped, our Kwangsi troops will be ready again to face the opposition of the imperialists or the anti-revolutionists and to clear away whatsoever obstacles may stand in the path of the programme of the Kuomintang."—*Canton Gazette*.

## KENTWELL TRIAL ECHO.

FOUR CHINESE IN SHANGHAI  
FORGERY CHARGE.

Proceedings against Drung Tse Kung otherwise known as T. K. Dzang, who is described as a Chinese barrister, and three other accused, in connection with the case of forgery of 500 Bank of Communication notes of five-dollar denomination, were opened at the French Mixed Court, Shanghai, on May 1st, before M. Creping (Assessor), and Magistrate Nieh.

The four accused were, Tse Ming Young, charged with uttering false notes, Tse Sing Tseng, charged with acting as intermediary, Drung Tse Kung who is charged with being an accomplice with the first and second accused and the fourth accused Tse Ming Yi, charged with financing the gang. M. Creping and M. Lenoire appeared for the fourth accused, Tse Ming Yi and M. d'Arxion de Raffé for the third accused Drung Tse Kung. The men were remanded.

## CANCER SCOURGE IN INDIA.

## INCIDENCE OF THE DISEASE.

In a review of a book on cancer by Mr. T. Ellis Barker by a Calcutta paper, reference was made to the work of a Cancer Prevention Society in Great Britain and the author has expressed curiosity as to what is being done in regard to cancer prevention in India.

With the object of collecting the required information, a representative of the *Englishman*, Calcutta, consulted an eminent medical authority in Calcutta and was provided with some interesting facts.

Malignant disease in India is very much more common than people imagine, he was told by the medical authority. Irritation cancers are very prevalent among workers in certain trades in Kashmir and also among those addicted to the habit of smoking. The disease is obviously on the increase in this country, the same as it is in temperate climates.

The figures prepared for the Cancer Research Society show a tremendous amount of regional prevalence in the head and neck, especially rodent ulcers of the scalp and face. The bones of the skull are also prone to malignant disease. Owing to oriental precocity in development, malignant disease often appears at an earlier age in the tropics than elsewhere. Here cancer of the liver is common, but cancers of the stomach and intestine are comparatively rare.

What is needed is extension of cancer research throughout India. Facts and suggestions as to the incidence and prevalence of the disease in India would be of infinite value to the great cancer research institutes in London and America.

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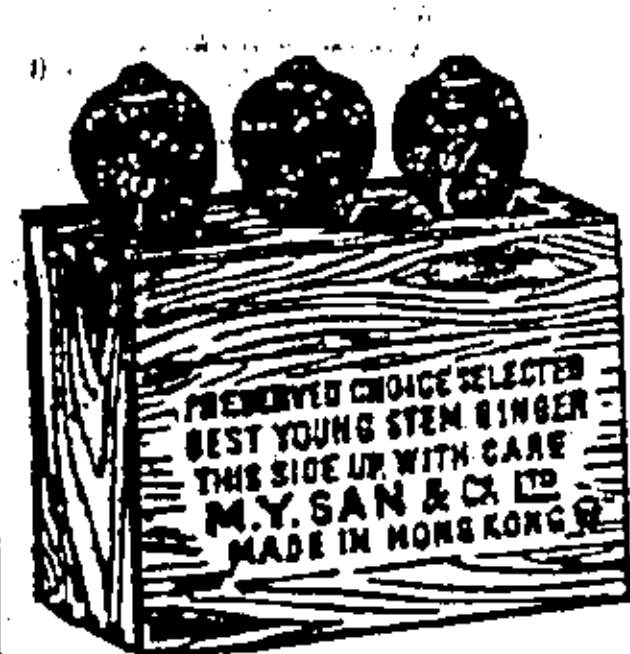
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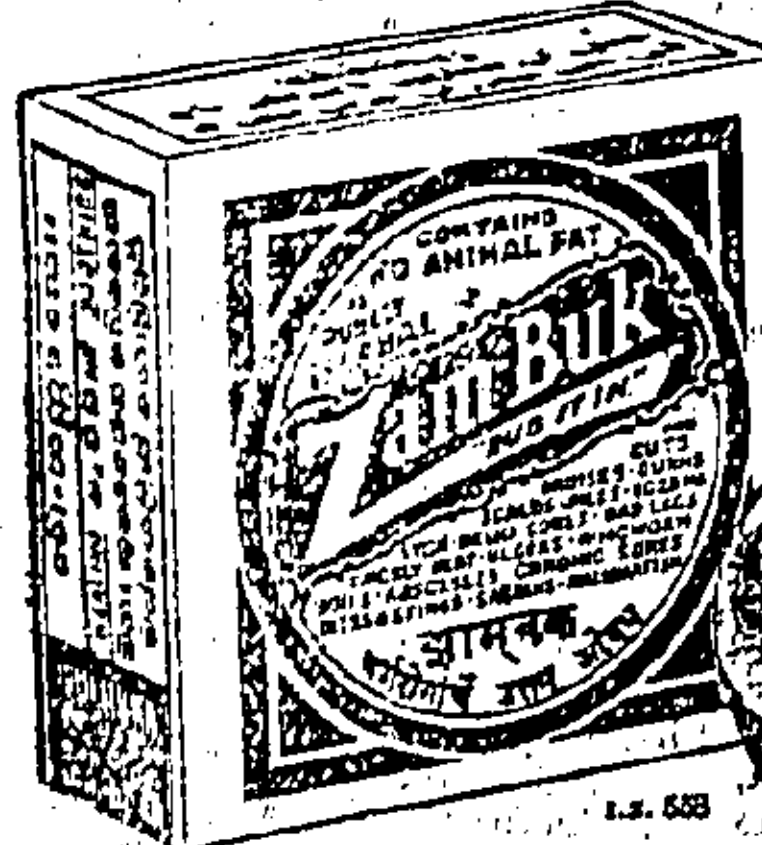


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### WILD WALES.

#### PRIME MINISTER ON THE CELTIC SPIRIT.

The Prime Minister and Judge Parry were the chief guests at the St. David's Day banquet at the Connaught Rooms recently.

The Prime Minister, in reply to the toast of his health, said: "I should apologise to you for speaking in English. I had a message from the Press only five minutes ago begging me that I would not speak in Welsh to-night—and I sent back a word that though my English through long residence in London and absence from Worcester, was getting a little rusty, I would do my best in that tongue. I suppose that when an Englishman comes to dine with you he tries to find some link by which he may explain his presence, and in asking me you have asked one who was born and bred and whose people have lived for a very long time in these border counties where in old days we knew a great deal about you."

In Shropshire, whence my family migrated into Worcestershire, we get a little further from the border, there are still to-day, I believe, one-fifth of all the castles that exist in England. Why they were so crowded into that narrow area I have no idea. And when I do go home and look from my garden, four miles across the valley, is the hill on which according to tradition, Owen Glendower had his camp on I think, the last invasion of our county by the Welsh.

TWO BOLDWINS.

But my family has some connection with Wales, if you go back far enough. Long, long years ago there were two Baldwins who tossed a coin at some remote place on the Continent, and one went East where he became "King of Jerusalem," and thereby preceded by Samuel and another went West, crossed over, first into England, and then into Wales, where his name was softened, as you soften everything in Wales, and he gave his name to what we in England call the County of Montgomery.

Another century slipped by and an Archbishop of my name—translated to Canterbury from Worcester, went on a pilgrimage into Wales. He went with a very specific object. He knew that the Welsh were devout, and he had heard told that they made most admirable foot soldiers, so he tried to secure them for the Crusades, and a journalist by name Giraldus, I regret to say that how pure one's motives—and that century differed but little from this—there were those who said my ancestor, if I may call him so, really went to Wales because he wished, by celebrating Mass at the High Altar at each of the four Welsh Cathedrals, to establish the supremacy of Canterbury. I do not know whether that was his aim, but some of the priests in Wales, thinking it was, did their best to impede his progress, but with no success, and the only part of Wales in which this holy man met with an unfavourable reception, I regret to say, was in the County of Carmarvon.

It is a source of infinite regret to me that a distinguished member of that part of Wales was unable to be present to-night or we might have got to the bottom of this singular trouble.

A SUMMER PILGRIMAGE.

Mr. Baldwin said he was thinking this summer of starting a pilgrimage himself in a motor car, leaving Bewdley by what was still called the Welsh Gate and going by way of Ludlow into the wilds of Carmarvonshire to preside over a word of ten letters signifying a national festival to be held in a little town of eight letters.

It was strange, indeed, he continued, to look at the border country to-day and to think what it was for so long by Severn and Wye a scene of interminable raids. Now there was no more peaceful part of England, and he quoted the words of the Shropshire poet:

In valleys of springs of rivers,  
By one and tepid joint elum,  
A country of pleasant rivers,  
The quietest under the sun.

"We tried, it is true, in those days to keep you out of England," said Mr. Baldwin, "and now we come to do homage to you in our own capital, of which you have almost taken possession. Not for the first time in history have the Greeks defeated their conquerors, and indeed this country had a very narrow escape in the years immediately succeeding the war of imposing Welsh as the diplomatic language of Europe."

THE MET-SOLDIER.

Mr. Baldwin added that there were days in then he was able, not without difficulty, to get away from his urgent work and disappear for a short time unseen by his attendants and unknown to the Press. A little while ago he was able to disappear and found himself by accident in the studio of a Cheltenham sculptor where he was shown an exquisitely beautiful statue of a young shepherd. It was the original plaster of the bronze figure which now stood in a mountain village of Merioneth, the figure of a poet who fell in the war.

"When I think of what Wales means I do not think of your industrial regions," continued the Prime Minister, "because my mind, in Wales as in England, always goes back to the country, and I think of that figure as a type of what our rural civilisation in these islands can produce. Here again is a proof of the truth of the old saying that when the Celt goes forth to battle he has always fallen, but there is the additional truth that when he falls he proves that there are in this world some defeats which mean more for civilisation than many victories and which are in themselves victories everlasting."

He quoted, in conclusion, the words spoken by St. David the last time he spoke to his own people. These were: "Be joyful, and keep your faith and believe and perform the small things which you have heard and see with me, and I will go the round which our fathers have" (Continued at foot of next Column.)

### CALCUTTA SNAKE STORIES.

#### FULL-GROWN COBRA KILLED BY MOTOR-CAR.

A great stir was caused in Wood Street, Calcutta, recently, when the news went round that a full grown cobra, measuring over 5 feet in length, had been killed in the open roadway.

It appears that the cobra was first seen descending from a coconut tree in the grounds of one of the houses in Wood Street almost next and was chased by some servants. It managed to escape through an iron fence and the drain in the wall forming the street boundary. While trying to cross the road the snake was run over by a motor-car and killed.

Wood Street is one of Calcutta's old-fashioned residential thoroughfares in the European quarter. A few of the houses stand in fairly large grounds with thickly planted gardens, many of which would provide excellent neighbourhoods for reptiles. In the immediate neighbourhood are several squares and "bungalows" with many a neglected corner. A cobra was also killed in the Market quite recently.

The discovery of the Wood Street cobra says the *Englishman*, proves that snakes have not been completely exterminated in Calcutta despite the fact that the latter has grown into a modern city. It is the belief of many people that these snakes are not strangers, but native to Calcutta. Only two years ago, a servant was fatally bitten by a *karait* in the camp and of the Indian Museum. Were all the stories of narrow escapes collected, they would probably make a book of many chapters, for not so very few people even in a city, have been provisionally saved from an untimely death from snake-bite. Thus a few years ago, a lady, living very near the Free Church in Wallisley Street, saw what she thought was a piece of rope lying on the floor in a corner of her dressing room and actually meant to stoop down and pick it up when she noticed it more slightly. Just in time she realised it was a *karait*. Even houses so centrally located as in Mangoe Lane have been known to harbour *karait*.

"Ditchers" of an older generation encountered many similar adventures. Perhaps the most curious of all was the narrow escape experienced by a clergyman's wife many years ago. Her phaeton used to be kept standing under a tree in a church compound. On a Sunday, while returning after service, one of her daughters suddenly exclaimed that a snake was wriggling out from under the seat opposite her. With singular presence of mind the lady had the phaeton halted while her daughters were made to get out calmly, and the snake—a *karait*—was so undisturbed by these proceedings that it was not sufficiently angered to strike. It had probably dropped into the carriage from the branches of the tree in the church compound.

Perhaps the strangest snake-story of all, though, is the one concerning the appearance of a python in a rice godown in the north of Calcutta—alleged by some people to have been one which had mysteriously disappeared from the Zoo.

### SIAMESE PRINCESSES AND GOLF.

Princess Pachong is the winner of the "Suthasirawat Cup" golf competition played for over the Hua Hin golf course for the year B.E. 2457. Mrs. Oakden is the runner up.

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Princess Sivali, a daughter of Prince Damrong and the first Siamese lady to win the Mixed Foursomes competition at the Sports Club, attended at the Club to receive the prize awarded for the event. The Princess was partnered by Nai Dit Bunnag, and they defeated Mrs. A. Scott and Mr. T. H. Pollard in the final by one up, the match being won on the last green. The prize, a silver cup was presented to the Princess by Mrs. W. A. Graham, who congratulated her on her success. —*Bangkok Times*.

### CINEMA NOTES.

#### QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Maurice Tourneur's magnificent picture version of the familiar novel, "Lorna Doone" is coming to-morrow to the Queen's Theatre. For years Tourneur has dreamed of filming some tremendous spectacle which would enable him to experiment to his heart's content with some original ideas as to the proper methods of handling crowds. More than eleven hundred men and women were called for to appear in the brilliant court scenes and in the baptism scene in Westminster Abbey, according to the plans which he drew up, while for the thrilling fight scene outside the gate to the stronghold of the Doone fortress he demanded a thousand men and women.

#### WORLD THEATRE.

Miss Mabel Ballin is starred in a film version of M. Thackeray's "Vanity Fair," which will be the attraction at the World Theatre for 5 days, beginning to-day.

travelling. Be courageous while you are upon the earth, for you will not see me any more in this world.

"What a message for this country just to remember these three things," said Mr. Baldwin. "Be joyful and keep your faith—nothing so essential as that to-day—and perform the small things." That can be our message to the people of these islands, and if they would listen to it we should have nothing to fear in the future and the name of St. David would go down the ages blessed by the English as by the Welsh."

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### EXECUTION OF MONTROSE.

#### SCHOOLBOY'S DISCOVERY AT WESTMINSTER.

There is an interesting story hidden behind the announcement made in the House of Commons recently that Lord Peel, the First Commissioner of Works, had decided that a mistake had been made in the description of the picture made in the execution of the Marquis of Montrose, which is hung in the corridor leading to the members' lobby of the House of Commons. He is convinced, on the evidence submitted to him, that the execution took place in the High Street of Edinburgh, and not in the Grassmarket, as stated in the inscription, which is now to be altered accordingly.

Attention was first called to the mistake as the result of a visit to the House of Commons by 200 boys of the Royal High School at Edinburgh last summer. When they were shown the picture of the execution of Montrose, one of the boys at once insisted that the picture depicted the High Street and not the Grassmarket, and inquiries were then set on foot, which have now convinced the First Commissioner that the boy was right and the inscription wrong. It is a strange irony that Sir Walter Scott, who was probably the first to perpetrate the error, was himself *died* at the Royal High School. As a tribute to the scholar's skill, it has been agreed that the present inscription, which is now to be replaced, shall be presented to the school as a memorial.

As a result of the questions which have been asked, on the subject during the last few weeks, a report has been received that the right arm of Montrose is now deposited in the library of a Yorkshire castle, and the suggestion is made that it should be recovered, in order that it may be interred in the tomb in St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh. It is said that all trace of the arm had been lost since it was reported that it had been carried away from the scene of the execution by one of Cromwell's officers.

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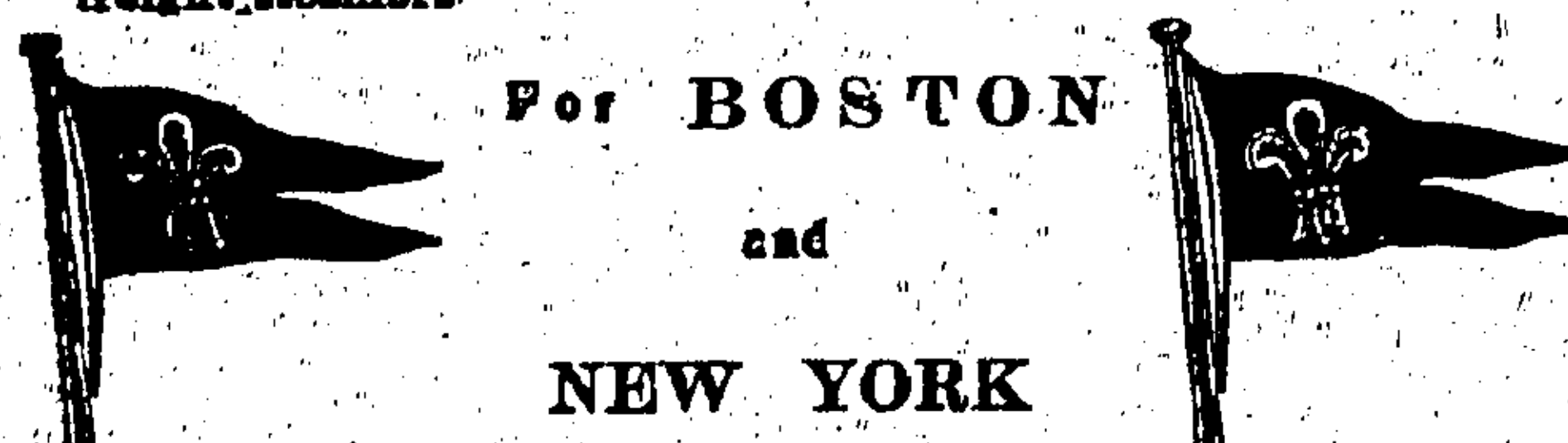
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"MOORE"	10,911	30th May	Marseilles & London.
"NAGOA"	6,584	31st May	Marseilles, London, &werp. & Hall.
"JEYPORE"	5,218	6th June	Singapore & Bombay.
"SIOLIA"	6,813	11th June	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & S'pore.
"KALYAN"	9,118	13th June	Marseilles & London.
"MALWA"	10,941	17th June	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & S'pore.
"DELTA"	9,257	11th July	Marseilles & London.
"KASHMIR"	9,365	11th July	Marseilles & London.
"MANTUA"	10,902	15th July	Marseilles & London.
"SOUDAN"	6,896	8th Aug.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & S'pore.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	8th Aug.	Marseilles & London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	22nd Aug.	Marseilles & London.
"SIOLIA"	6,813	3rd Sept.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & S'pore.
"NARKUNDA"	11,089	8th Sept.	Marseilles & London.
"KARMALA"	9,123	19th Sept.	Marseilles & London.
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"TALAMBA"	8,018	10th May, 1 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TAKIWA"	7,938	14th May	do.
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"TARADA"	6,940	4th June	do.

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"TANDA"	6,958	3rd June	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday
"ARAFURA"	6,000	8th July	Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,400	6th Aug.	do.
"TANDA"	6,958	2nd Sept.	do.
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"TAKADA"	6,949	15th May	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KALYAN"	9,118	18th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"SIOLIA"	6,813	18th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ARAFURA"	1,041	30th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	6,000	6th June	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"DELTA"	9,257	12th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TILAWA"	8,097	12th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	31st June	Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,400	31st June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	4th July	Moji & Kobe.
"SOUDAN"	6,896	10th July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	10th July	Shanghai & Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,123	24th July	Shanghai Moji & Kobe.
"SIOLIA"	6,813	7th Aug.	do.
"TANDA"	6,958	7th Aug.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"NARKUNDA"	11,089	8th Aug.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KEIWA"	9,123	31st Aug.	Shanghai.
"DELTA"	9,257	4th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	12th Sept.	do.
"MALWA"	10,941	18th Sept.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	9,118	2nd Oct.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"SOUDAN"	6,896	2nd Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,400	10th Oct.	do.
"MANTUA"	10,902	17th Oct.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	9,365	1st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,911	14th Nov.	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	28th Nov.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	14th Dec.	do.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 8th May, Noon.
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SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"CHUNAN"	On 10th May, 11 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On 10th May, 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"CHUNGKING"	On 11th May, Noon.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUIHONG"	On 11th May, 4 p.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SINKIANG"	On 11th May, 5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 12th May, 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"LINAN"	On 12th May, Noon.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUIYANG"	On 14th May, 11 a.m.
HONGKONG, FAHPOI & HAIPHONG	"TAMING"	On 14th May, Noon.
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